INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2017-003

REQUESTING THAT THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE, AND LABOR STUDY AND PROMOTE AWARENESS OF PEDIATRIC ACUTE-ONSET NEUROPSYCHIATRIC SYNDROME, ALSO KNOWN AS "PANS".

WHEREAS, Pediatric Acute-onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome, also known as "PANS", is a clinically defined disorder characterized by the sudden onset of obsessive-compulsive symptoms or eating restrictions, accompanied by two (2) or more symptoms of acute behavioral deterioration or motor and sensory changes, or both; and

WHEREAS, Pediatric Acute-onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome, also known as "PANS", is caused when an infectious trigger, environmental factors, or other triggers create a misdirected immune response, which results in inflammation of the brain of a child; and

WHEREAS, Pediatric Acute-onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome, also known as "PANS", was identified in 2012 by Dr. Susan Swedo; and

WHEREAS, as doctors are not required to report the number of patients suffering with Pediatric Acute-onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome, also known as "PANS", the true number of affected individuals is unknown; and

WHEREAS, it is important that there be an improvement and increase in knowledge and treatment throughout the State of Arkansas of Pediatric Acute-onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome, also known as "PANS", especially for healthcare professionals,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT PROPOSED BY THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE, AND LABOR OF THE NINETY-FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the House Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor study and promote awareness of Pediatric Acute-onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome, also known as "PANS".
Respectfully submitted,

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